

St John Church of Christ

Bulletin

November 12, 2023



From The Elders at the St John Church of Christ

As we look at the life of our Lord Jesus, don't get lost in the stories. Our Lord does amazing things, but what is most profound is how little he acted like what people thought that God was like. They expected, from their reaction to him, to see a Messiah who was strict, exacting, a stickler for details, willing to overlook the loftier principles of mercy, kindness, and love. After all, they exhibited these traits, and they expected their God to reflect their values.

Oops. When the light came into the world to expose darkness, it wasn't just the darkness in others. The attitudes of superiority, smugness, and religiosity had caused others to flee from the Jewish leadership for generations. But this Jesus, the people flocked to him.... Why?

So during the overview of the life of Jesus today, see if you can spot what drove Jesus in his interaction with others. Was he trying to "set everyone straight"? Was he engaging in argumentation and disputes with those who "got it wrong"? Do we read about his pushing others aside to put his own people in power?

My guess is that you will see the same thing that the average person of his day saw... someone who cared about them. It was easy for a Gentile centurion to ask on behalf of his child, no harder for a group of outcast lepers to ask for help from the side of the road. The tears of a widowed mother burying her only son moved him to action. Our Lord Jesus was reachable. His heart could be touched, his tears could flow alongside the discouraged. What is the most notable life quality of Jesus? He could be moved with compassion. The question today is simple really, can you be moved like he was?

In Our Prayers

Don Hornbaker
Emersyn Milton
Thomas Pruitt
Shannon Bauer
Elmer Schuette (Marla's
Brother-in-law)
Maggie Harris

Carol Gingrich
Kay Kinnamon
Brenda Staub
Madison Cole
Rick Rodness
Mark Naes
Tami Byer

Clint Kinnamon
Kevin Carter
Hadley Bright
Susan Mayer (Chet's sister)
Sally Truitt
Paul Phillips (Zeb's brother)

Upcoming Events

Silver Maple Camp Teen Retreat [Next Weekend]

The Silver Maple Camp Teen Retreat is coming up on November 17-19. It starts Friday evening and ends about 11 AM on Saturday morning. If you have a teen (or slightly younger) that would like to attend talk to Zeb.

Thanksgiving Dinner and Service [Next Sunday]

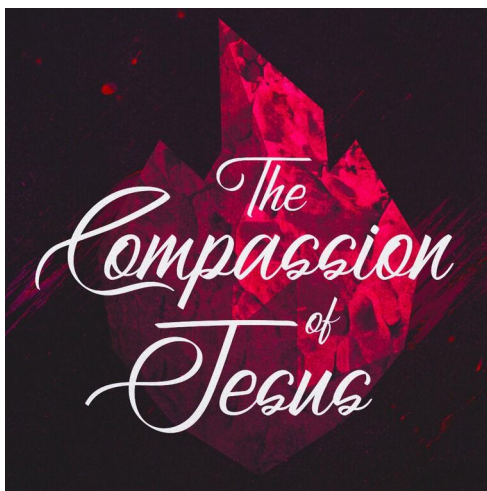
The St. John-Hudson Ministerial Alliance is hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner and Worship Service on Sunday, November 19. The meal is at 5:30 and the service begins at 7:00. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Turkey and stuffing will be provided.

Birthdays this week:

Marilyn Thornburg - November 13

Terry Sallee - November 15

Lace Holmes - November 17



Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Terry and Joy Sallee

Song Leader: Quinn Palmer

Sound System: Jayce Feril

Gathering: #167 - Hosanna

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Stan Aldrich (Matthew 9:13)

Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #147 I Stand Amazed

Song: #313 - The Old Rugged Cross

Communion: Chris Mansel

Song: #57 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Lesson: Zeborah Carter

Song: #948 - I Am Resolved (vs. 1 and 3)

Closing Prayer: Gary Hornbaker

Sundays: Bible classes for all ages @ 10:00 am
Worship service for everyone @ 11:00 am
Elders: Tom Turner, Richard Brensing, Terry Sallee,
Carl Feril
Deacons: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril
Minister: Zeborah Carter